



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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ADOPTED

REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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SECRETARY

Dear Supervisors:

**ALLOCATE CITIES EXCESS FUNDS
AVAILABLE TO THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT FOR GRANTS
TO THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE FOR
THE SOUTH GATE PARK DOG PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND
THE SOUTH GATE PARK AUDITORIUM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
(FIRST DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate a total of \$500,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, for grants to the City of South Gate for the South Gate Park Dog Park Development Project and the South Gate Park Auditorium Improvements Project, in the amount of \$150,000 and \$350,000, respectively.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed projects are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the projects involve minor improvements to existing facilities, construction of new, small structures and minor alterations in the condition of land for the reasons cited herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the Project.
2. Allocate \$150,000 in Cities Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District to the City of South Gate for the South Gate Park Dog Park Development Project.
3. Allocate \$350,000 in Cities Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District to the City of South Gate for the South Gate Park Auditorium Improvements Project.

4. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, acting in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award grants to the City of South Gate, if applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grants as of the date of this action and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise, the funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate a total of \$500,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition) for grants to the City of South Gate for the South Gate Park Dog Park Development Project and the South Gate Park Auditorium Improvements Project.

The proposed South Gate Park Dog Park Development Project will develop a 4,000 square foot off-leash dog park at the existing South Gate Park. The project will include removal of existing turf; purchase and installation of chain link fencing, decomposed granite surfacing, benches, a drinking fountain, and signage. The total project cost is \$150,000 and the project is to be fully funded with Cities Excess Funds.

The proposed South Gate Park Auditorium Improvements Project consists of upgrades to the existing community auditorium at South Gate Park. The project will include the removal of existing flooring and the purchase and installation of rubberized flooring, acoustical treatments, a lift for Americans with Disability Act access to the stage, as well as a permanently-installed sound system, stage lighting, video monitors, and multimedia projector. The total project cost is \$350,000 and the project is to be fully funded with Cities Excess Funds.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by enhancing safe and accessible recreational opportunities in the City of South Gate in the First Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grants in the amount of \$500,000 is budgeted in the First Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The City of South Gate has met this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grants will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District for Cities projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director will be authorized to award the grant only if applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, your Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grants as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All public agency projects funded by the District are required to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The City of South Gate serves as the lead agency for the two projects.

The proposed South Gate Park Dog Park Development Project is categorically exempt from CEQA according to Sections 15301, 15303 and 15304 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1, 3, and 4 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project involves minor improvements to an existing facility, construction of new, small structures, and minor alterations in the condition of land.

The proposed South Gate Park Auditorium Improvements Project is categorically exempt from CEQA according to Sections 15301 and 15303 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1 and 3 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project involves minor improvements to an existing facility and construction of new, small structures.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Grant Project Agreement for each grant will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by your Board in 2009 only if applicable conditions of the grants have been met. The Grant Project Agreements will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District but are required for the enhancement of safe and accessible recreational opportunities in the City of South Gate in the First Supervisorial District.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one conformed copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", with a stylized, flowing script.

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Director

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c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors